

## **SreshtaBharath Project 1**

### **Project Report**

#### **Advaithashramam Balasadanam support**

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## 1. Swamiji Appeal

*Dhanyatman,  
with all love and best wishes*

*Hope this will find you fine. I am hereby sending an appeal regarding new plans and projects of Advaitashramam. Please go through and forward to those who feel for this cause.*

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QQsZjPpGyo9gtKEVBevgyPAEje5g6tRWSjIXilKGH4o/edit?pli=1>

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*Dhanyatman,  
Advaitashramam, Kolathur was established in the year 1992,  
when Sri. Mangalasseri Narayana Swami donated 56 cents of land with  
Sri Vallorakkavu Kshetram to Swami Chidananda Puri, the patron of Sri  
Vallorakkavu Kshethra Samithi. This Samithi is registered under the Indian  
Societies Registration Act, 1860 with registration No. 552/92 in Kozhikode  
district. From its very inception, Ashramam has been working hard to  
spread the tenets of Sanathana Dharma in general and Vedanta in particular.  
Monthly Vedanta classes, annual retreat camps, Upanishad vichara sathrams,  
camps for university level students, long term Vedanta courses etc. are  
held at Ashramam regularly. Almost all the days 2-3 classes and lectures  
are being given at different places. Ashramam has published more than 35  
books, hundreds of C.Ds and D.V.Ds containing classes and lectures on our  
philosophy, culture and many other contemporary topics. Through all these  
activities, Ashramam is slowly being recognized as a centre of Vedanta studies  
and socio-cultural importance.*

*The main objective of Advaitashramam is to disseminate the eternal  
knowledge of Advaita Philosophy. At the same time we are also giving  
importance to social uplift and national integration. In the year 2003, Sri  
Sankara Charitable Trust was formed to undertake the seva activities of  
Ashramam.*

*In June 2005, we started **Sri Sankara Balasadanam**, a home for  
under privileged boys of our society. It was inaugurated by Parama Poojya  
Swami Dayananda Saraswathi Maharaj. At present we have 45 boys staying  
there and studying in the neighborhood schools. Apart from schooling  
they are also getting exposure in Yoga, Value based classes, Martial arts,  
Music, Sports etc. To provide better facilities and more conducive living  
environment to the children, and also as per the stipulations of the amended  
rules regarding orphanages, now we have to construct the first floor of the  
Balasadanam building. The concrete work is just over and we must finish the  
remaining works within two months, before the onset of monsoon.*

*In June 2011 we started a school, **Sri Sankara Vidya Mandir** affiliated with  
Bharatheeya Vidya Nikethan to make available basic education to children,  
giving importance to our cultural values. In fact we were forced to start the  
school taking in to account the state of erosion and distortion in the cultural  
environment in our local society. We started the school even without a school  
building. At present 130 students are attending L.K.G, U.K.G and 1st std. It  
will be very difficult to function in the coming years without proper school  
building as the numbers of classes are increasing. So it is high time we started*

the work for school building. In the first phase we are planning to construct the ground floor of the building followed by 1st and 2nd floors in the years to come.

When the Ashramam was started in 1992, there was no need for a big dining hall and kitchen. We didn't have the land too. But now the old set up has become very much inadequate even for daily purposes. During camps and classes too much time is being lost due to the lack of facilities in the kitchen and dining hall area. So at the earliest we have to construct a spacious **Annakshethra** consisting of kitchen, store room and dining hall. Now we have more than 3.30 acres of land in Kolathur village.

A home for devotees, namely, Sri Sankara Bhaktha Nivas is constructed along with the Ashramam in the newly purchased land. Construction of one building with six flats has been completed so far. At Palakkad district, one devotee of the Ashramam has donated a land of one acre and the construction work of an Ashramam building is in progress there. By next year we will be in a position to inaugurate that. Also, one and a half acres of land has been donated by another devotee near Pandikkad at Malappuram district. An Ashramam along with a centre of service to old people can be started there in near future.

**Sri Vallorakkavu Kshethram** which is the centre of the entire activities of Advaitashramam has to be rebuilt at the earliest according to our vastu sastra before 2014 uttharayanam. Before the commencement of renovation work of the temple we must complete the work of Annakshethra, because the present dining hall has to be demolished first for the temple renovation.

The entire work, that has to be completed within a short span of time, requires a huge sum of money. To finish the Balasadanam building, a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs, to build ground floor of School, around Rs. 40 lakhs, for constructing Annakshethra a sum of Rs. 30 lakhs and for renovating temple a sum of Rs. 20 lakhs, thus a sum of rupees 1 crore in total has to be raised within a short period of time. Ashramam is coming out with this appeal to all family members and well wishers for their whole hearted support for this noble cause. We hope the well wishers of the Ashramam and Sanathana dharma will come forward with their part of contribution to fulfill this noble task. Kindly think how you can take part in this project. We look forward to hear from you. Our idea is to find a thousand people who can donate a sum of rupees ten thousand payable in four or five equal installments within a time span of one year. Then the project will surely become a success with the participation of common people. Please think of this plan and feel free to share your ideas. Convey this message to all near and dear who have common feelings as you.

With all love and best wishes

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## 2. SreshtaBharath decision to support

In the meeting held on November 2012, it was decided that we will support Swami Chidanandapuri's appeal and his missions. We wanted to handover 1 lakh rupees to swamiji for his school building construction.

It was also decided to extend continuous support to Swamiji's Ashram not only financially but also by providing adequate materials as and when required.

## 3. Project execution

In order to carry out the decisions made in the meeting on November 2012, the project "Advaitashramam Balasadanam support" was started with a goal to hand over the cheque of Rs 1 Lakh to Swamiji by April 1, 2013.

## 4. Fund Handover

On Friday, 29th March 2013 at 6 pm, we handed over the cheque of ONE LAKH rupees to Swami Chidanandapuri at his ashram in Kolathur, Kerala. Two members of SreshtaBharath reached the Ashram to meet swamiji and handed over the cheque.

- Swamiji was very happy with our support. He pointed out the further need to support Dharma and the Vedanta in India.
- Our fund will be used for the construction of Sri Sankara Vidya Mandir where 130+ street children are currently studying.

More details about the ashram and its activities are available at <http://www.advaitashramam.org/>

**Sri Sankara Charitable Trust**  
Regd. No. 222/2003  
Kolathur - 675315

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vide order No. C. No. Tech 31/80G/2/CIT/CLT/2009-10

**SRI SANKARA CHARITABLE TRUST KOLATHUR,**  
(Regd. No.222/2003)

**SRI SANKARA VIDYAMANDIRAM FUND**

No. **854** Date **29. 03. 2013**

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**Rs. 1,00,000/-**

Chidananda  
Managing Trustee

Secretary/Treasurer

## 5. Conclusion

SreshtaBharath thus successfully completed the first project of supporting the construction of Sri sankara vidya mandiram within the planned timeline. As decided earlier, SreshtaBharath members are constantly in touch with Swami Chidnandapuri to extend further support as and when required and also to enrich themselves and the Society with the values of Dharma.

SreshtaBharath